Listing of Claims

- 1. (Original) An electromagnetic coupling comprising:
- a first conductor;
- a conductive enclosure enclosing a cavity, wherein the first conductor is inserted into the cavity through a first opening in the enclosure;
- a ground plane within the cavity, the ground plane and the conductive enclosure defining a resonant slot therebetween, wherein the first conductor is electrically connected to the ground; and
- a second conductor inserted into the cavity through a second opening in the enclosure;

wherein the conductors are on respective opposite sides of the ground plane within the cavity; and

wherein the first and second conductors are electromagnetically coupled with one another via the ground plane and the resonant slot.

- (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the second conductor is substantially perpendicular to the first conductor.
- 3. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the first conductor is an inner conductor of a coaxial cable.
- 4. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 3, wherein an outer conductor of the coaxial cable is attached to at least a part of the conductive enclosure.
- 5. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the second conductor is attached to an insulator substrate which is enclosed by a ground conductor.

- 6. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 5, wherein the ground conductor is attached to at least a part of the conductive enclosure.
- 7. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the second conductor is part of a stripline.
- 8. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 7, wherein the stripline is a suspended air stripline.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the ground plane is electrically <u>coupled</u> conducted to the conductive enclosure.
- 10. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the coupling includes a first connector coupled to a second connector; wherein the first connector includes the first conductor and a first part of the enclosure; and wherein the second connector includes the second conductor and a second part of the enclosure.
- 11. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 10, wherein one of the connectors includes a connection plate for linking the connectors together.
- 12. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the cavity is a substantially cylindrical cavity.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 12, wherein the slot extends most of the way along an outer border of the cavity.
- 14. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 13, wherein the slot has a substantially annular shape.

- 15. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 12, wherein the cavity preserves a coaxial transverse electromagnetic (TEM) wave mode in the first conductor
- 16. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, further comprising a rotational coupling operatively configured to allow the first conductor to rotate relative to the second conductor.
- 17. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 16, wherein the rotational coupling is a gimbal coupling a first part of the conductive enclosure to a second part of the conductive enclosure.
- 18. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1, wherein the first conductor is soldered to the ground plane.
- 19. (Original) The electromagnetic coupling of claim 1 as part of a missile antennae system.

20. (Original) An electromagnetic coupling comprising:

a first conductor,

a conductive enclosure enclosing a cavity, wherein the first conductor is inserted into the cavity through a first opening in the enclosure;

a ground plane within the cavity, the ground plane and the conductive enclosure defining a resonant slot therebetween, wherein the first conductor is electrically connected to the ground;

a second conductor inserted into the cavity through a second opening in the enclosure;

a first connector that includes the first conductor and a first part of the enclosure; and

a second connector that includes the second conductor and a second part of the enclosure;

wherein the conductors are on respective opposite sides of the ground plane within the cavity;

wherein the first and second conductors are electromagnetically coupled with one another via the ground plane and the resonant slot;

wherein the second conductor is substantially perpendicular to the first conductor.

21. (Canceled)